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For: PROCESSES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF IMMUNOGLOBULIN A IN MILK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the captioned application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Attached hereto is an Abstract that was inadvertently omitted from the parent case, U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/424,246, when the application was originally filed on February 29, 2000.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-46, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

A2 47. (New) A pharmaceutical, cosmetic, or veterinary formulation comprising milk from a ruminant containing immunoglobulin A (IgA) produced by